

NOTES AND NEWS

In May, 1964, the Stanford University collection of birds and mammals was transferred on a semi-permanent loan basis from the Natural History Museum on the campus to the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco. The bird collection, numbering slightly more than 12,000 skins, contains many specimens of considerable interest to ornithologists. Included are collections of W. W. Price and C. H. Gilbert made in California and Arizona in the latter part of the last century, South American collections of R. C. McGregor, the Heller and Snodgrass collection taken on the Hopkins Galapagos Expedition of 1898-99, and the Chase Littlejohn collection.

There are numerous specimens whose labels bear such names as those of Joseph Grinnell, Wilfred H. Osgood, Leveret Mills Loomis, Alvin Seale, Chester Barlow, John Rowley, John Van Denburg, Henry W. Henshaw and Walter K. Fisher as well as others who were familiar figures in the annals of ornithology of the West during the early part of this century.

The collection contains a number of types as well as specimens of extinct and rare forms including several kinds of Hawaiian drepanidids and nine skins of the Laysan Rail. It is presently housed in the basement of the Academy, where it is readily available for use by ornithologists. Future plans call for its installation with the Academy's main bird collection.

A sum of \$526 is available in the Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Fund for research grants in 1965. Any student of birds may apply; favored are young individuals starting their careers or others

ineligible for government grant support. Those interested should submit before April 1, 1965, a description of the proposed research project and the amount of financial assistance needed, a brief resumé of their ornithological background, and a letter of recommendation from a recognized ornithologist to John T. Emlen, Department of Zoology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

By recent action of the Board of Governors and the Board of Directors of the Cooper Ornithology Society, Ned K. Johnson has been designated an Associate Editor of *The Condor*.

The annual meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society is to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, in 1965. Tentative dates indicated are June 14 to 16.

Copies of the by-laws and articles of incorporation of the Cooper Ornithological Society are available on request through the Secretary of the Society, Dr. John Davis.

At recent meetings of the divisions of the Cooper Ornithological Society the following papers have been presented: Birds of Arctic Alaska by Richard T. Holmes, at Los Angeles on September 30; Field Observations on the Birds of the Farallon Islands by Richard Tenaza, at Berkeley on October 1; The Bower Birds of Australia (Lida Scott Brown Lecture) by A. J. Marshall, at Los Angeles on November 2; Effects of Weather on Quail Reproduction by William Francis, at Berkeley on November 5.